

**Remarks**

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and consideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-24 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-24 have been rejected. By the above amendments, Claims 1 and 13 are amended and Claims 25-28 are new. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Accordingly, Claims 1-28 are currently pending.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2005/0017953 A1 to Pihlaja Pekka (hereinafter "Pekka"). Further, Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,580,932 B1 to Andrea Finke-Anlauff (hereinafter "Finke-Anlauff"). The Applicants traverse these rejections.

**A. Rejections of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pekka. Claims 1-12 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Finke-Anlauff. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Claims 2-12 depend upon the independent Claim 1. The independent Claim 1 is directed to a method of manufacturing an electronic device. Claim 1 recites the steps of a.) providing a first substantially planar panel including a display and having a first side edge and a second side edge; b.) hingedly coupling a second substantially planar panel selected from a first set of panels to the first side edge of the first substantially planar panel, the second panel including a first interface; and c.) hingedly coupling a third substantially planar panel selected from a second set of panels to the second side edge of the first panel, the third panel including a second interface, wherein the second substantially planar panel partially covers the first substantially planar panel and the third substantially planar panel covers at least a portion of a remainder of the first substantially planar panel and further when the device is in the first position the first interface and the second interface are obscured and when the device is in the second position the first interface and the second interface are exposed.

1. Pekka

Pekka teaches a mobile communication device having three panels; two hingedly attached to a third. Both side panels each substantially cover the third central panel. In contrast, the independent claims of the present application are amended to recite that the second and third panels each cover only a portion of the first side panel. This is contrary to the teachings of Pekka and as such the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is improper.

For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-12 are dependent upon the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over Pekka. Accordingly, Claims 2-12 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition for allowance.

2. Finke-Anlauff

Finke-Anlauff discloses a mobile communication device having a body with a mounted screen. [Summary] The device also has a first panel and a second panel. The first panel is fixed to the body of the device and includes half of a keyboard. The second panel is pivotally mounted on the body for rotation between two positions (open position and closed position). There is only one hinge. [Summary]

Finke-Anlauff fails to teach, disclose or suggest all the limitations found in the independent Claim 1. Finke-Anlauff does not teach, disclose, or suggest all the limitations of Claim 1. Finke-Anlauff does not teach, disclose or suggest the limitation that “ wherein the second substantially planar panel partially covers the first substantially planar panel and the third substantially planar panel covers substantially all of a remainder of the first substantially planar panel.” If Finke-Anlauff is read to include three panels (two are fixedly mounted together) then the moveable panel completely covers one of the panels and does not cover the display panel at all. When the device is in the closed position, “panel 6 is rotated into overlapping alignment with panel 5”, as shown in Fig. 3a [col. 2, lines 20-22] Fig. 3a further shows that the panel 6 completely overlaps panel 5 when the device is in the closed position. If, as Applicant contends, Finke-Anlauff has two panels (one is a two part panel), then likewise, the reference does not teach, hint or suggest this element because one panel partially covers the other.

Moreover, Finke-Anlauff does not teach, disclose or suggest the steps in Claim 1 of “**hingedly** coupling a second substantially planar panel selected from a first set of panels to the first side edge of the first substantially planar panel, the second panel including a first interface” and “**hingedly** coupling a third substantially planar panel selected from a second set of panels to

the second side edge of the first panel, the third panel including a second interface.” [emphasis added] Finke-Anlauff does not teach, disclose, or suggest the steps of “hingedly coupling” the second and third panels to the first panel. There is only one axis of rotation taught in Finke-Anlauff.

In contrast, the present invention provides a method of manufacturing an electronic device by hingedly attaching a second panel to a first panel and hingedly attaching a third panel to the first panel. Finke-Anlauff only has one axis of rotation.

For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-12 are dependent upon the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over Finke-Anlauff. Accordingly, Claims 2-12 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition for allowance.

B. Rejections of Claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 13-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pekka. Claims 13-24 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Finke-Anlauff. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Claims 14-24 depend upon the independent Claim 13. The independent Claim 13 is directed to a kit to assemble an electronic device. Claim 13 recites the elements of a.) a first substantially planar panel, the first panel including a display and having a first side edge and a second side edge; b.) a second substantially planar panel selected from a first set of panels, the second panel including a first interface and configured to be hingedly coupled to the first side edge of the first panel; and c.) a third substantially planar panel selected from a second set of panels, the third panel including a second interface and configured to be hingedly coupled to the second side edge of the first panel, wherein the second substantially planar panel partially covers the first substantially planar panel and the third substantially planar panel covers substantially all of a remainder of the first substantially planar panel and further when the device is in the first position the first interface and the second interface are obscured and when the device is in the second position the first interface and the second interface are exposed.

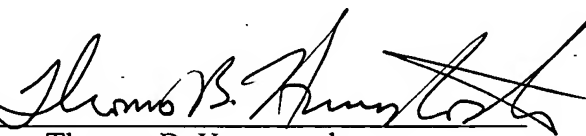
For the reasons recited above relative to the method, Claim 13 is allowable over Pekka and Finke-Anlauff. Claims 14-24 are dependent upon the independent Claim 13. As discussed above, the independent Claim 13 is allowable over Finke-Anlauff. Accordingly, Claims 14-24 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the above-mentioned reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-28 are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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